LEIGH NEWS

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PREFECTS

We are delighted to announce our four new prefects for this year. Prefects are chosen by the staff from children in Year 6 and are there to undertake various roles and responsibilities around school. This year it was particularly difficult to select a group of children for this role as there were so many children who the staff thought were deserving of it. However we are very pleased to announce that George Ennals, Harry Oppen, Harvey Rossiter and Dylan Carter have all been selected as prefects. Congratulations to all four of them.

SPONSOR A BENCH

We are working on ideas about how to develop the area outside Fox Class as an area for children to find some peace and quiet, play games and to sit and read. The playground is obviously a very vibrant and active place but many children would appreciate also having somewhere to sit and be quiet during breaktimes. We would like to install 4 new benches in this area for children to use and would like to ask if any individuals/families would like to sponsor a bench. These benches will have names engraved on a plaque and this would be a particularly poignant way to remember individuals or members of a family. The benches will last for many, many years to come and the plaques will be seen by generations of children at the school. Each bench and plaque will cost £100 in total. If anyone is interested in sponsoring one of these benches then please do see me or Miss Birchenall for further details. Thank you.

PARENT WORKSHOP

The next Parent Workshop is THIS TUESDAY in Jessica's Hall at 9am and is entitled 'Key Stage 1 Reading and Writing'. This session will be particularly useful if you have a child in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 but other parents might also find it interesting. The session will last about 1 hour and there will be plenty of opportunities for you to ask questions and see the resources that we use to teach reading and writing in school.

OPEN CLASSROOM AFTERNOON

We have decided to move the date of the Open Classroom Afternoon so that we are not rushing to take Christmas displays down on the very last day of term. This event will now take place on Thursday 11th December (NOT Thursday 18th December) from 3pm-4pm.

PANTOMIME

Last Wednesday a letter about our whole school trip to the pantomime was sent home. Please could we ask that these slips are returned as soon as possible and that if you require financial assistance in this case that you speak with the school office or myself as soon as possible.

PTA NEWS

FRUITY THURSDAYS

The next two Fruity Fridays will be Fruity Thursdays! These will be on Thursday 27th November and Thursday 18th December.

Please don't forget the Christmas Fayre on Sunday 7th December and the Breakfast with Santa on Sunday 14th December.

MATHS WEEK

This week has been Maths Week. The children have had great fun designing and then making their own maths games. You are all invited into school on Thursday 27th November at 2pm to play these games with the children and to share in their successes.

Parent Meeting – Thursday 27th November

On Thursday 27th November at 8pm there will be a Parent Meeting in Jessica's Hall. During this meeting I will discuss the class structure for next year, the recent OFSTED Report and future plans for the school. The meeting will last about an hour and there will be plenty of opportunities for you to ask any questions you might have about any of these topics. Please do attend this important meeting if at all possible but I will make the slides available on the school website for those of you unable to attend. Thank you.

A Big Thank You – *A Message from Janet Court*

This is a very big thank you to everyone at the school who contributed to a wonderful total of £66.72 in your poppy collecting tin. Fantastic! A very special thank you to the poppy sellers who must have been so persuasive in a very good cause – I think they could have a possible career in marketing! The overall village collection raised £1,429.69 and so far in Leigh this year I have received £2,436.45 but there is a lot more money to come in. Thank you again!

STONEPITTS CHRISTMAS TREES

If you are looking for a real Christmas Tree this year then do consider buying it from Stonepitts Farm in Seal. For every tree purchased then we receive a £2 donation upon the receipt of this Newsletter. In addition Stonepitts will also donate some money towards Help for Heroes: in total £1,250 was raised last year. For further information please visit www.stonepitts.com

Next Week's Theme –'Doing the Right Thing – Having Courage'

MIDDAY SUPERVISOR

We are still seeking to appoint a Midday Supervisory Assistant to join our existing team to commence as soon as possible. The post is for 7.5 hours per week (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday) for 38 weeks of the year (term time only).The successful candidate will have the ability to work effectively and enthusiastically as part of a team and be able to engage with the children, extending them in purposeful activities and enhancing their social skills whilst having fun. Please contact the school office for further information or look on the school website under 'News and Events; Current Vacancies.'

SECONDARY SCHOOL TRANSITION EVENT

As a reminder we are planning to hold an after school event for our Years 5&6 children to help them prepare for the move they will make to secondary school. The idea is to invite all our ex-pupils currently in secondary school to come and speak with the children about their experiences and some of the differences they found when they themselves made the move. This event will take place on Friday 24th April 2015 from 4pm-5.30pm so please do keep the date free and if you know any ex-pupils, please encourage them to come along and share their experiences. Thank you.

ANTI-BULLYING AMBASSADORS

We are thrilled to have trained our first official 'Anti- Bullying Ambassadors'. These 5 children attended a course at Sevenoaks Primary School a few weeks ago and are there if any children feel they need support with the issue of bullying. This week has been Anti-Bullying Week and we have held assemblies throughout the week on how we can all work together as a school community to eradicate any incidences of bullying. We also held a 'Smile and Compliment' day where the children were encouraged to smile and make compliments to each other. Our ambassadors are: Alex Hale, Poppy Denham, Eva Tyrie, Tabitha Tyler and Leo Ashmore. Congratulations all!

Events

25.11.14	Parent Workshop 4 – 'Key Stage 1 Writing and Reading'
27.11.14	Fox Class Trip to Pizza Express Maths games session with parents Parent Meeting in Jessica's Hall (8pm)
1.12.14	Assessment Week
2.12.14	Parent Workshop 5 – 'Key Stage 1 Maths'
7.12.14	School Christmas Fayre (2pm-4pm)
9.12.14	School Christmas Jumper Day Choir singing at Nizels Christmas Fayre
10.12.14	Choir singing at High Hilden
11.12.14	PTA Present Fayre (pm) Open Classroom Afternoon (3pm-4pm)
12.12.14	Whole school visit to the STAG Theatre – Cinderella
14.12.14	Breakfast with Santa
16..12.14	Dress Rehearsal of Nativity Play (2pm)
17.12.14	Christmas Nativity (2pm) in St. Mary's Church
19.12.14	End of Term Service at St Mary's Church (2pm)
5.1.15	Term 3 begins

Further dates will be published on the website under School Calendar